

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 462

Introduced by Coash, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the issues of payment responsibility and payment rates for medical care of county inmates and those in emergency protective custody. The issues to be addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Whether hospitals or counties should pay for the medical care of those in custody;

(2) If a county should pay, an examination of whether it should be the county of the inmate's residence, the county where the crime was committed or warrant was issued, the county where the correctional facility is located, or the county where the inmate is injured on work release;

(3) Whether there is a need for a statewide interlocal agreement among counties regarding such payment; and

(4) Once a payer is established, an examination of what reimbursement rate should be used.

The parties to be involved in this study shall include, but not be limited to: The Nebraska Association of County Officials; the Nebraska Hospital Association; law enforcement, including the Nebraska Sheriff's Association and the Department of Correctional Services; the Office of the Ombudsman;

regional behavioral health authorities; the League of Nebraska Municipalities; and the director of the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.